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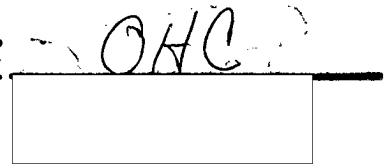
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Dear Judge Webster:

The Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control will conduct a study mission to Mexico, Belize, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana from December 8 to 20, 1988.

The primary purpose of this mission is to assess the current status of narcotics production in Mexico, to stress the importance of the narcotics issue to the new Mexican Administration, and to examine drug trafficking patterns and interdiction efforts through Caribbean Basin transit countries.

One of the most important countries on our itinerary is Cuba. We have all read numerous allegations in the printed press concerning the Cuban government's involvement in narcotics trafficking, and, in particular, President Castro's ties to General Noriega of Panama. While we are anxious to look into these areas, we recognize that they are most sensitive.

We would appreciate an intelligence briefing on Cuba prior to our departure. We have tentatively scheduled the briefing for Tuesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m. in room 2359B of the Rayburn House Office Building. To confirm, please contact Mr. Edward H. Jurith, Staff Director, at 226-3040.

Only Members and staff with a Top Secret Security Clearance will be in attendance. For your information, this will be supplemental to our State Department/DEA briefing.

In addition, if you have any relevant information on the other countries we will be visiting, please provide us with that background material as well.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

CHARLES B. RANGEL
Chairman